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# Honoring diversity

## Hispanic Heritage Month begins Sept. 15

Hispanic Heritage Month, a celebration honoring the contributions of Hispanic Americans, begins Sept. 15. This national observance is a tradition that began thirty years ago when President Lyndon Johnson designated a week in mid-September as National Hispanic Heritage Week. President Ronald Reagan, in 1988, extended that week to a month-long observance covering Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

The term "Hispanic" describes a diverse people from more than 20 countries including the United States and its territories.

"The presence of Hispanics on this continent predates the founding of our Nation, and, as among the first to settle in the New World, Hispanics and their descendants have had a profound and lasting influence on American history, values, and culture.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Gary Fowler

### First day of school

Trabrenti Shropshire, a Kadena Middle School seventh grader, studies world geography at her desk. Monday was the first day of school for most children on Kadena. The beginning of a new school year for most children includes new classes, new teachers, new lockers and new friends. For more about the first day at Kadena Middle School, see Page 9.

# Uckert takes command

## 18th Support Group welcomes new commander in formal ceremony Monday

By Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais  
Kadena Shogun editor

The 18th Support Group welcomed a new commander Monday when Col. Merri B. Uckert assumed command from Col. William L. Bledsoe. The formal change of command ceremony took place beneath an enormous American flag inside the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron's AWACS hangar before a crowd of support group personnel, 18th Wing officials and distinguished visitors from the local communities and the Japan Air Self Defense Force.

### No stranger to PACAF

Although this is her first assignment to Kadena, Uckert is no stranger to the Pacific Air Force mission, having served in Hawaii for about eight years and accomplished a tour of duty at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. During her career, she has been a squadron commander; deputy support group commander and assistant chief of Attache Affairs and International Protocol for the Air Force vice chief of staff.

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ment," Uckert said to the Japanese media following the ceremony. "Its strategic mission is critical to peace in the Pacific. Its value to the defense of Japan and U.S. interests in the Pacific is unequaled."

To her new command, Uckert said, "Kadena also has the reputation of being one of the finest military bases in the Pacific. After spending two weeks here, I wholeheartedly agree. You demonstrate the highest degree of professionalism. Every day I see the Air Force core values at work, and the pride and energy of the U.S. military, U.S. civilians, and Japanese civilian workers seems boundless. 18th Services garnered the coveted LeMay award, the mission support and communi-

cations squadrons have made great improvements and the security forces squadron, despite many deployments, has maintained their very high standards. For those I have yet to meet, I look forward to the opportunity."

Uckert said she vowed to continue the working relationship Kadena has with its Okinawan neighbors.

"I pledge to continue to work hard. We value your support and I look forward to working with you. My door will always be open to you."

### Working for the future

To the people of Kadena, she promised to continue making Kadena a better place to live and work. "We're here where the operations tempo is high, but I don't think there is a better place to be right now. The weather, the facilities and the people are great. I couldn't ask for more. I want to continue making improvements where needed," she said.

The 18th Support Group is comprised of the 18th Services Squadron, the 18th Communications Squadron, the 18th Mission Support Squadron and the 18th Security Forces Squadron.

The group operates and maintains 132 facilities both on and off Kadena, providing support for the 18th Wing and its 90 F-15, KC-135, E-3 and HH-60 aircraft, 24 associate units with about 24,000 active-duty personnel and family.

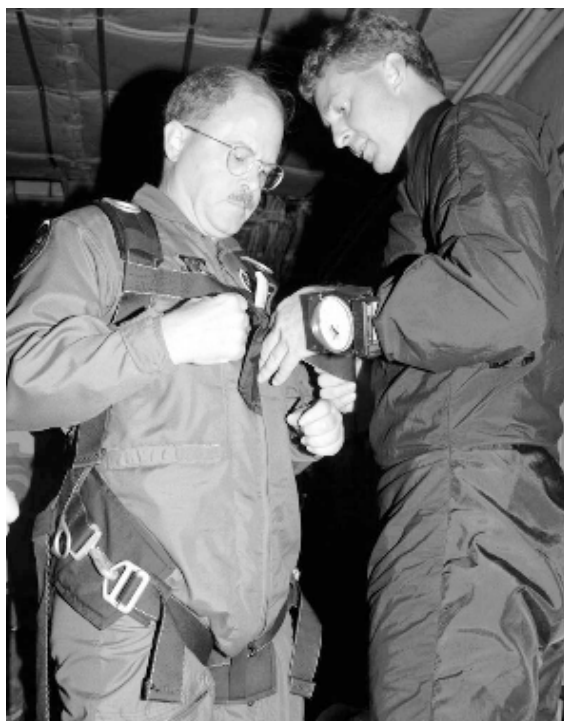
Bledsoe leaves Kadena to serve as vice commander of the 325th Fighter Wing at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.



# New SECAF visits Pope, takes a fall

by Capt. Susan Idziak  
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POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AFPN) — Freefalling from 8,000 feet falls under the caption "other duties as required," on Whit Peters' job description.



F. Whitten Peters, secretary of the Air Force, has his harness checked by his tandem jump master, Tech. Sgt. Greg Pittman, a 24th Special Tactics Squadron team instructor at Pope Air Force Base, N.C. This is the first time Peters jumped from an aircraft

The new Air Force secretary completed that duty here Aug. 20 during one of his first official trips since being confirmed Aug. 3.

The day started at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., when an MC-130 Talon flew out of Pope Air Force Base, N.C., to take Peters to the Luzon Drop Zone on Fort Bragg, N.C., where he made an 8,000-foot tandem freefall jump with Tech. Sgt. Gregg Pittman of the 24th Special Tactics Squadron.

"It was great," Peters said once safely on the ground. "But now my numbers of landings and takeoffs don't match anymore!"

The secretary spent the rest of the day with combat controllers and pararescuemen of the 21st

and 24th STS and students of the Combat Control School.

"I came here to spend time with the special operators," Peters said. "I really wanted to see what the combat controllers and pararescuers do — and hear their concerns firsthand."

One of their major concerns is high operations tempo, he said. The small Air Force specialty is one of the most tasked and demanding, and is currently only 70 percent to 80 percent manned.

The secretary's day included a Special Tactics and Rescue parachute demonstration jump at Pope Park and a press conference with media about his visit to Pope.

When asked if his tandem jump was "a result of a mid-life crisis," Peters, 53, replied jokingly, "The job of being secretary of the Air Force is my mid-life crisis. But I have lots of family support."

About his jump he added, "It was fascinating. I think I'd like to do it again. But I'm first going to reread the insurance papers."

While at Pope, the secretary officiated a ceremony dedicating one of the base's newly renovated dorms to be shared by combat controllers and 23rd Fighter Group enlisted members.

The dorm is named Scholl Manor in honor of Tech. Sgt. Mark Scholl, who, while assigned to the 24th STS at Pope as a combat controller, gave his life in service to his country during a United States Special Operations Command training exercise in 1992. Scholl was 33 years old when he died.

"In his short life Sergeant Scholl epitomized the standard of service before self and consistently placed the welfare of his fellow man before himself," said Peters at the ceremony.

"The debt of gratitude we owe for his sacrifice is immense, and today we have an opportunity to immortalize his contribution with the dedication of this important building."



Photos by Airman 1st Class April Blumer

Followed by an aerial videographer, Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters and his tandem master leap from the back of an MC-130H Talon II stationed at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

## Heritage, continued from Page 1

"Since the arrival of the earliest Spanish settlers more than 400 years ago, millions of Hispanic men and women have come to the United States from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba and other Caribbean regions, Central America, South America, and Spain, in search of peace, freedom, and a more prosperous future. They brought with them a deep commitment to family and community, a strong work ethic, and an unwavering belief in the American Dream," said President Bill Clinton in his Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation.

On Okinawa, a variety of activities are planned to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month — Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

**Saturday:** Car wash at the Camp Kinser Burger King parking lot from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Funds will be used for events during Hispanic Heritage Month.

**Sept. 11:** Car wash at the 18th Services Squadron parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Funds will be used for events during Hispanic Heritage Month.

**Sept. 15:** Spanish Catholic mass and potluck dinner at the Camp Kinser chapel from 7-9:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share with the community.

**Sept. 18:** Family Fun Day at

the Camp Lester picnic grounds from noon to 5 p.m. featuring Ballet Folklorico, Hispanic American Association dancers, DJ music and pinatas and a bouncing house for the children.

**Sept. 19:** Spanish Catholic mass at Camp Lester chapel from 5-6 p.m.

**Sept. 25:** Cultural Awareness Fest at the Kadena Schilling Community Activities Center from noon to 5 p.m. with authentic Hispanic food by the HAA, music and much more.

**Sept. 25:** Latin Jam at the Kinser Trimod from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. It will be an evening of Hispanic spice with Salsa, Merengue, Cumbia, Rancheras, Tex-Mex and more.

**Oct. 6:** Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Torii Station's Coral Cove Restaurant.

**Oct. 15:** The Hispanic Heritage Month closes with a semi-formal dinner banquet and dance at the Butler Officers Club from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$25.

On hand will be Hispanic American Association dancers, Ballet Folklorico, the Sevillanas dancers from Spain, a mariachi band and a variety of Latin DJ music.

For more information about these events, contact Eddie Gamboa at 645-9603 or Alfredo Soto at 646-6076.

## New Kadena commanders

The 18th Support Group isn't the only unit to get a new commander, other squadrons have welcomed new leaders in the past two months.

### 18th Operations Group

**961st Airborne Air Control Squadron:** Lt. Col. Derrick Hoxie III became the 961st commander June 6. He replaced Lt. Col. Guy Wills.

### 18th Logistic Group

**18th Transportation Squadron:** Maj. Donna Moerschell became the transportation commander July 6. She replaced interim commander Capt. Mark Murphy.

**18th Supply Squadron:** Lt. Col. Michael Howensteine assumed command of supply on Aug. 24. Lt. Col. Stephen Quinn departed Kadena July 2.

**18th Logistics Support Squadron:** Maj. Tammy Farrow became the logistics squadron commander Aug. 4. She replaced Lt. Col. Reynaldo Sandico, who left Aug. 7.

**18th Munitions Squadron:** Maj. Ronald Samic became the MUNS commander July 1. He replaced Lt. Col. Jay Morgan who left July 2.

### 18th Support Group

**18th Security Forces Squadron:** Maj. Hugh Bowman became the SFS commander July 14. He replaced Lt. Col. James Brophy.

**Det. 1, Okuma:** Capt. Joseph Vitale replaced Maj. Nicholas DeMarco in a change of command ceremony held July 23.

### 18th Medical Group

**18th Medical Support Squadron:** Maj. Deborah A. Crenshaw is the acting commander. Col. Michael Murphey left July 13.

### 18th Civil Engineer Group

**718th Civil Engineer Group:** Lt. Col. David Paine became the 718th's commander July 8. He replaced Lt. Col. Arthur Anderson Jr.

**18th Civil Engineering Squadron:** Lt. Col. Douglas K. Tucker became the CES commander Aug. 6. He replaced Lt. Col. Charles P. Smiley.

# Optempo, perstempo: what they mean

*Now DOD has come up with two new terms: worktempo and deptempo*

**By Jim Garamone**  
American Forces  
Press Service

WASHINGTON — Many service members are not sure what "optempo" and "perstempo" are, except they know they don't like them high.

The terms are related, and service members and even some DOD officials use them interchangeably. The fact is, they're not the same.

A tempo is a musical term meaning the speed at which a piece is played. The word's definition over

time has expanded to mean the pace of an activity, as in the "tempo of everyday life is getting faster."

DOD adopted "operations tempo" as a measure of the pace of an operation or operations in terms of equipment usage — aircraft "flying hours," ship "steaming days" or "tank [driving] miles." In the military way, the term became jargon: optempo.

Obviously, the optempo increases with the intensity of and number of operations.

Maria Hughes, senior readiness analyst in the Pentagon, said the services generally define person-

nel tempo — "perstempo" — as the time an individual spends away from home station. Each service measures somewhat differently.

Optempo and perstempo seem the same because they often rise and fall together, but they don't have to.

Got that straight? Now, complicating the situation are two new terms officials are starting to use: "worktempo" and "deptempo."

Worktempo is a newer of the two. It is generally defined as the pace of work that military personnel experience at home stations. In general, when a unit deploys, those members staying at home see a worktempo increase.

"They have to perform many of the same jobs with far fewer people,"

said Army Lt. Col. Catherine Abbott, a Pentagon spokesman. Likewise, units preparing for deployment have an increase in worktempo prior to departure.

Deptempo stands for deployment tempo. It's generally a measure of the number of days in one month that a unit would have to deploy to accomplish assigned training or operational missions. Scarce units in periods of high demand — for instance, AWACS aircraft units — tend to have high deptempos.

So now you know what the DOD jargon means. Don't get too comfortable with the definitions, though, because the defense authorization bill before Congress directs DOD to standardize the definitions. More on that effort later — as its tempo increases.

## BRIEFS

### Labor Day closings

Kadena's Postal Service Center 80 and all furnishings self-help warehouses will close Monday for Labor Day.

### PCS shuttle service shuts down

The newcomers' PCS shuttle service is no longer being offered due to low usage. For more information, contact the Vehicle Operations Flight at 634-9295/4505.

### AF Ball Sept. 25

The Air Force Ball is scheduled Sept. 25 at the Kadena NCO Club. For tickets, contact your unit first sergeant.

Ticket prices are \$12 for E-5 and below, \$20 for E-6 to O-3 and \$25 for O-4 and above.

Civilians pay the price for the equivalent grade.

### DRMO sale

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is having a government surplus sale Sept. 11 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Building 600. The sale is open to all Status of Forces Agreement personnel and items must be purchased for personal use only. Only U.S. dollars will be accepted as payment.

For more information, contact DRMO at 637-4323/3707 during duty hours.

### Local blood drives

There will be a number of opportunities for people to donate blood during the next few weeks. All blood drives are from 8-11 a.m.

Dates, places and phone numbers are as follows:

• **Sept. 7** at the Camp Hansen USO, call 936-7150 for more information;

• **Sept. 9** at Kadena's Building 3524, call 634-8004 for more information;

• **Sept. 13** at the Camp Hansen Brig, call 623-7363 for more information;

• **Sept. 15** at Fort Buckner's Building 90, call 641-3873 for more information;

• **Sept. 20** in the 18th Medical Group Conference Room, call 633-3161 for more information; and

• **Sept. 23** at the Camp Hansen USO, call 623-4140 for more information.

### 50 percent tuition available for spouses

The Air Force Aid Society recently announced plans to fund the Gen. George S. Brown Spouse Tuition Assistance Program for the 1999-2000 school year.

STAP's purpose is to provide partial tuition assistance for high school or college programs to spouses of active-duty airmen or officers assigned to an overseas location. The program's focus is for completion of a degree or certificate that will provide increased job opportunities for spouses.

STAP provides tuition assistance at a rate not to exceed 50 percent of unmet tuition charges per course, at a maximum of \$1,500 per academic year. The growing program spent more than \$1.3 million last year for more than 3,500 individual participants. Funding for 1999-2000 is set at \$1.7 million.

Call the Kadena Education Office at 634-1500 for more information and application procedures, or visit the society's STAP Web site at <http://www.afas.org/stap.htm>.

### Alma Mater corps forms

All college graduates interested in representing their alma mater during Kadena and Kubasaki High School college seminars are asked to join the Alma Mater College Corps being formed by the Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

DODDS needs volunteers to represent their alma mater and provide information to high school students and to act as mentors.

To volunteer at Kubasaki High School, call Letesia Nettles at 645-6888/6883. For Kadena High School, call Sherry Coleman at 634-0701/0702.

### International lock-in slated

The Kadena Youth Center is having an international lock-in for children ages 14-16 on Sept. 10 and 11. To participate, call 634-0500.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais

### Total destruction

Contractors working for Taihei Kogyo, a mainland Japan firm, destroy one of Kadena's old H-style dorms located across the street from the Kadena All Star Lanes. The \$31.9 million project started in June and is expected to end in March 2001. After the four dorms are demolished, two four-story dorms will be built in their place, adding 388 new rooms for dorm residents.



# Bible school introduces children to religion

By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon  
Shogun associate editor

Approximately 400 3- to 12-year-old children from around the island attended the Vacation Bible School held at Amelia Earhart Intermediate School Aug. 16-20.

The school was a way for the chapel to introduce God to children in a fun way while letting the community know what the chapel has to offer, according to Sueann Herkel, the Protestant religious education coordinator.

A group of children and volunteers from a local Christian Japanese School attended the school Aug. 20 to find out what an American bible school was like. It was also a way for the children to interact with each other.

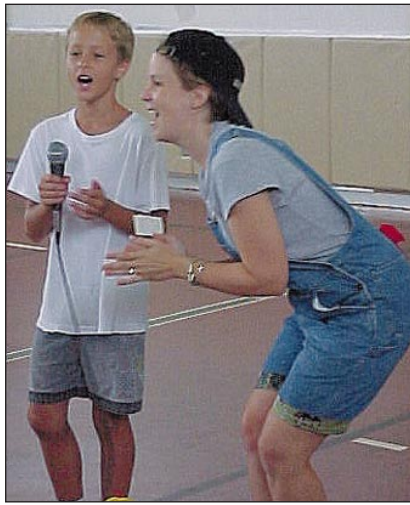
"We're here to teach the children about God's love," Herkel said. "One way we do that is by hugging them a lot."

Other ways the group of about 130 volunteers taught the children was through songs, crafts and games. The children, divided into groups by age with two or three volunteers per group, rotated through the different activities.

In class, the children learned about the Bible by making many different crafts.

One group of younger children, 3-5 years old, learned to make Christian sun-catchers out of tissue, wax paper, and construction paper while another learned to make cross necklaces with string and beads.

After some class time, some children sang religious songs "Where Do I Go?," "I've got the Joy"



Photos by Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon

Mike Embree, left, and De Peris lead a group of 9 to 12 year olds in a song. Mike is the son of 1st Lt. Michael Embree, 353rd Maintenance Squadron, and his wife, Amy. Peris is the wife of Capt. Bill Peris, 12th Fighter Squadron.

and "Ain't No Rock." Other children went to play games. To make the singing more enjoyable, some of the children were encouraged to go to the front of the group to sing with the volunteers.



Deanna Bailey, a teacher for one and 3 year olds, helps a Japanese child glue small pieces of tissue paper onto wax paper to make her sun-catcher.

"The first day they were a little stiff, but the greatest part of this was when they started hugging back," Herkel said. "It was great to see the teachers working with the kids and everyone had such a great time."



Photos by Senior Airman Valda Wilson

## Flipping over you

Professional in-line skater David Desroches exhibits his skill by flipping over the head of a volunteer during an exhibition at the Kadena Boys and Girls Club Saturday. Willy Santos, a well-known professional skateboarder, was also on hand. The duo provided tips to youths at the center.

# Farewell message from General Hall

**“ The Japan I am leaving is awakening to its new security role in the world. The launch of a ballistic missile from North Korea a year ago brought a new awareness of the fragile nature of peace to a people who have been reluctant to suggest any changes to their “peace constitution.” ”**

Today, I turn over command of U.S. Forces, Japan, and 5th Air Force to Lt. Gen. Paul V. Hester. Jill and I return to the United States to begin a new chapter in our lives, after nearly 33 years of military service.

We have loved our time in the military and in Japan, and we have met and worked with countless talented people. I want to thank our gracious host nation for generous support and all members of our military community in Japan — active-duty, civilians, family members, and host nation employees — for the work you do each day to keep our U.S.-Japan alliance strong.

The Japan I am leaving is awakening to its new security role in the world. The launch of a ballistic missile from North Korea a year ago brought a new awareness of the fragile nature of peace to a people who have been reluctant to suggest any changes to their “peace constitution.” The passage of new Defense Guidelines, however, indicates Japan’s desire to contribute to regional and global security needs. The Guidelines give us the tools to maintain a credible defense in a more complex security environment. I am encouraged by this gradual migration to a more appropriate role for the Japanese military and especially by our recent progress in bilateral planning and exercising.

At the same time, the Japanese people have become increasingly concerned with and outspoken in their objections to the inconveniences of military training, both ours and theirs. Their concerns about noise and safety, and their desire to reduce U.S. military presence do not contradict

their views on security. The Japanese people know that “freedom

isn’t free”; and they seek to balance the sacrifices they make for security with the quality of life they desire. We must continue to work with our neighboring communities to ensure they feel they are getting good value for their contributions.

All of our installations have excellent community relations programs; it is part of our military culture to “give back” to our communities. Already, many of you help the orphans, elderly, and homeless; you beautify the community and strengthen educational and cultural ties. I repeat my most oft given advice: Get off base and see this beautiful country; take every opportunity to meet the Japanese people; learn a few words of the language; read about their rich history and culture; enjoy the wonderful hospitality that is so readily offered. I ask each of you to continue to be an ambassador for your country and service, and to continue to represent America’s finest ideals. I thank each of you for the sacrifices you make when you leave the familiarity of home and extended family to serve overseas. I salute you for your professionalism and dedication. Jill and I depart with priceless memories and experiences as reminders of our time in Japan. We hope that your time in Japan will become equally precious to you and your families.



## Traffic or pedestrian, who has right of way and when?

**By Staff Sgt. Kenyon Luthi  
18th Wing Safety Office**

The streets and sidewalks of Kadena are extremely busy during most times of the day. The areas around schools warrant particular attention, particularly since school started this week.

Unfortunately, many pedestrians and motorists don’t know, or honor, their responsibilities in relation to one another. If something seems like it falls into a gray area, Air Force Instruction 31-204 can clear up any misconceptions about traffic laws. Japanese law also dictates the movement of traffic and people at intersections.

It all boils down to one thing: Pedestrians have the right of way at intersections and in

marked crosswalks. It’s that simple. Motorists are required to stop when a person is crossing at a crosswalk.

This doesn’t mean a pedestrian should blindly walk across the road at an intersection. People must be responsible for protecting themselves. This means exercising care, caution and good judgement when crossing the street. Make sure a driver can stop before stepping in front of the vehicle.

On the other hand, drivers have the right of way when pedestrians choose to cross the road at non-marked areas.

In either instance, it comes down to attentiveness of both drivers and pedestrians. Error on the side of safety, especially while in school zones.

## Action Line

**634-3327**

**Brig. Gen. James B. Smith  
18th Wing commander**



The 18th Wing is very interested in your ideas that could make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play.

If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we’ll look into it.

Although not required, it is better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agency with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, give us a call; leave your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you and a brief summary of your concern.

The agencies listed below can be contacted directly if you have a complaint or problem:

**AAFES Action Line — 645-4301**  
**Base Exchange — 633-4570**  
**Civil Engineer Helpline — 634-4270**  
**Clubs — 634-3002**  
**Commissary — 634-3640**  
**Finance — 634-3006**  
**Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline — 634- 0404**  
**Home Telephone Helpline — 634-4080**  
**Housing Maintenance — 634-HOME**  
**Kadena Services — 634-1719**  
**Medical and Dental — 632-9304**  
**Safety — 634-SAFE**  
**Security Forces — 634-2475**

## ACTION LINES

### Stray dogs

**Q:** What can be done about stray dogs in the Chibana housing area? A stray dog chased and nearly attacked a two-year-old child.

**A:** The 18th Security Forces Squadron takes every stray animal call very seriously and does everything possible to capture and remove the animal. The stray dog in the Chibana Housing area has been captured and removed. However, we ask that people don’t feed stray animals because strays will have a tendency to stay in the area.

### Marching through housing

**Q:** What is the policy regarding marching in formation through base housing?

**A:** There isn’t a specific policy concerning troops marching in military family housing areas. However, current housing policy does stipulate quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. during weekdays and from midnight to 6 a.m. on weekends.

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# Day 1: Kadena Middle School

*Summer ends,  
classes begin  
for many  
students all  
over Okinawa*

By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon  
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***"Bbrrriinnnnnggg"***

The first bell rings and it's time for class at the Kadena Middle School and the other Department of Defense Dependent Schools in the Okinawa district.

The KMS students might not be ready for summer to be over, but the school staff has tried to make seventh and eighth grades just a little more fun.

According to Ruth Hatcher, KMS principal, the new computer lab with 60 new Pentium II computers should accomplish that.

"That is an important addition for our students," Hatcher explained. "All the students will

receive at least one quarter to a semester worth of computer instruction."

The seventh-graders are scheduled for one quarter of computer class, while the eighth-graders will receive the full semester.

"The computers are the school's biggest feat to coming on-line, but we are going to continue with our 'Middle School concept,'" Hatcher continued.

This concept allows students a taste of some of the elective courses available in high school. Each quarter the students will take a different elective to see if it might be something they are interested in continuing.

Another big, first-day-of-school event for students is getting their locker assignments.

"The lockers are the single most important thing to the seventh-graders," Hatcher said. "It's their own little space here."

To start the new year, each of the schools had a guest commander come speak to the children and "Ring in the School Year."

KMS's guest was Col. Robert McNeil, 10th Area Support Group commander, Torii Station.

After saying a few words of wisdom and support, McNeil "rang" in the new year with a 100-year-old school bell and the students went to their first class.



TOP: Kadena Middle School eighth graders Ashley Muehl, left, Adrienna Kunz and Jennifer Jennings chat before class. MIDDLE: Ruth Hatcher, KMS principal, addresses the school assembly. BOTTOM: Trasy Ashton, kneeling, opens her locker for the first time.



# What's Happening?

The following is a commonly used list of telephone numbers for this week's off duty activities:

Schilling Community Activities Center — 634-1387  
Kadena Family Support Center — 634-3366  
Kadena Information, Tickets and Tours — 634-4322  
Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 634-1666  
Kadena Base Library — 634-1502  
Banyan Tree Club — 634-0644  
Rocker NCO Club — 634-0740  
Officer's Club — 632-6071  
Busena Terrace Resort Hotel — 098-051-1333  
Southeast Botanical Garden — 939-2555  
Renaissance Hotel — 965-0707  
Mitsukoshi Department Store — 869-4115  
Bullfighting — 857-0185  
Gushikawa Civic Art Theater — 978-4400  
Prefectural Folk Theater — 866-2341

## Off-Base

### Exhibitions

**Through Sept. 5:** *Interior Art Lithograph exhibition* — Mitsukoshi Department Store fifth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. — free

**Through Sept. 26:** *Okinawan Butterfly exhibits* — Ocean Expo Park Tropical Dream Center — 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. — 20 specimen found only on Okinawa presented by pictures and narratives — 0980-48-3140 for more information

**Sept. 4:** *Bullfighting* — Okinawa City bull ring — 6:30 p.m. — ¥3,000

**Sept. 5:** *Bullfighting* — Kuhara bullfighting ring — 1 p.m. — ¥2,500

**Sept. 7-13:** *The 21st Okinawa Ceramic Art exhibition* — Mitsukoshi Department Store fifth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. — free

**Sept. 12:** *Bullfighting* — Iha bullfighting ring — 1 p.m. — ¥2,500

**Sept. 14-20:** *Yamaai Studio, Indigo Fabrics exhibition* — Mitsukoshi Department Store fifth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. — free

### Sales

**Sept. 14-20:** *Second-hand Kimono bargain sale* — Mitsukoshi Department Store sixth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### Festivals/Fairs

**Through Sept. 5:** *American and Import Fair* — Mitsukoshi Department Store sixth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. — free

**Through Sept. 19:** *Russian Space Fair* — Gymnasium at 21st Century Park, Nago City — 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. every day — ¥1,500 for adults, ¥900 for 15 years and under — 0980-53-1212 for more information

**Through Sept. 30:** *Ethnic Curry Fair* — Sun Marina Hotel — 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — Thai-style seafood curry, curry steak and more — ¥1,300 per person — 965-2222 for more information

**Sept. 4-5:** *The 12th Katsuren Town Festival* — Katsuren Athletic Grounds — 3-8:50 p.m. Sept. 4, 10 a.m. to 8:55 p.m. Sept. 5 — children's drum performances, Eisa performances, fireworks and more — 978-3168 for more information

**Sept. 4-6:** *Youth Eisa Festival in Naha* — Onoyama Athletic Park — 5 p.m. daily — 868-1756 for more information

**Sept. 17-19:** *Islands Fair* — Okinawa Convention Center — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

daily — other islands specialty items, exhibitions, sales and traditional performances — 866-2045 for more information

### Dining/Shows

**Daily:** *Ramada Renaissance Okinawa, Asian Pacific Brunch buffet* — Renaissance Hotel Sailfish Cafe, first floor — 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — ¥1,900 per person, half price for children under 12

**Daily:** *Italian Pasta and Sweets lunch* — Renaissance Hotel Four Season, second floor — noon to 3:30 p.m. — ¥2,200 per person, half price for children under 12

**Through Sept. 30:** *Ramada Renaissance Okinawa, Hawaiian Night Asian buffet and dinner show* — Renaissance Hotel — shows every night at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. except Tuesdays — ¥5,250 in advance, ¥6,006 at the door, half price for children under 12

**Through Sept. 30:** *The Night Away* — Busena Terrace Resort Hotel beach-side deck — ¥11,000 — stylish dining then cruise every night — register by 6:30 p.m., barbecue dinner starts at 7 p.m., cruise at 7:30 p.m., light show at 10 p.m.

**Through Sept. 30:** *Monsoon Cafe Garden Restaurant* — Southeast Botanical Garden — open every day 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Sept. 10:** *Urashima Dinner Theater* — Kadena ITT — 6-10 p.m. — bring yen for specialty drinks

**Sept. 11:** *Jazz in Renaissance* — Renaissance Hotel outdoor pool-side — 7:30-9:30 p.m. — ¥2,200 in advance, ¥2,500 at the door — tickets sold at hotel — price includes one soft drink and a ticket for prizes

**Sept. 17:** *Laguna Garden Hotel dinner and jazz* — Kadena ITT — 7 p.m. to midnight — barbecue dinner and jazz — \$45 per person, includes entrance and first drink

### Dance/Music

**Sept. 4:** *The 9th Japan Classical Music Contest* — Pallet Civic Theater — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. — free — 0120-029-4941 for more information

**Sept. 5:** *Okinawa Prefectural Junior Orchestra performance* — Gushikawa Civic Art Theater — 3 p.m. — ¥1,000 for adults, ¥500 for students, under 12 free

**Sept. 7:** *Kariyushi Ryukyuan dance performance* — Prefectural Folk Theater — 8 p.m. — ¥2,000 in advance, ¥2,500 at the door

**Sept. 14:** *Kariyushi Ryukyuan dance performance* — Prefectural Folk Theater — 8 p.m. — ¥2,000 in advance, ¥2,500 at

the door

**Sept. 17:** *Latin Music Charity concert* — Pallet Folk Theater — 7-9:30 p.m. — ¥1,500 — 862-9567 for more information

### Tours

**Sept. 3:** *Hawaiian Luau* — Kadena ITT — 7-10:30 p.m. — sponsored by the Renaissance Resort — bring yen for specialty drinks

**Sept. 4:** *Expo/Neo Park tour* — Kadena ITT — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — bring yen for admission to Aquarium, Tropical Dream and rides

**Sept. 5:** *Gyokusendo cave tour* — Kadena ITT — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — bring yen for lunch

**Sept. 18:** *Battle of Okinawa historical tour* — Kadena ITT — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — bring yen for lunch

**Sept. 19:** *Castle ruin exploration* — Kadena ITT — bring yen for lunch

**Sept. 24-26:** *Tsuken Island camping trip* — Outdoor Recreation — Sign up by Sept. 13 — tents, sleeping bags and assorted camping gear are supplied — \$125 per four-person family — 634-2841 for more information

### International tours

**Oct. 8-11:** *Nagasaki* — Kadena ITT  
**Dec. 26 through Jan. 3:** *The Millennium in Bali* — Kadena ITT

## On-Base

### Officers Club

**Mondays**

• *Flashback Retro 80* — Weekender Lounge — 8-10 p.m.

**Tuesdays**

• *All-You-Can-Eat Free Pizza* — Weekender Lounge — 5-7 p.m.

• *Classic Rock DJ* — Weekender Lounge — 8-10 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

• *Variety music* — Weekender Lounge — 8-10 p.m.

**Fridays**

• *High Energy with Rob* — Weekender Lounge — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

**Saturdays**

• *DJ Dance* — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**Sept. 8:** *Membership Night* — Ballroom — 5-7 p.m. — members and spouses or one guest can enjoy a complimentary buffet — winners of the drawing will be called Sept. 9

**Sept. 14:** *Just 4 Laughs comedy showcase* — Dean Austin and Shayma Tash — Weekender Lounge — 8 p.m. — Officers Club members only — free

### Rocker NCO Club

**Sundays**

• *All that Jazz* — Lounge — 4-8 p.m.

• *Back in the Day* — Old school and soul music — Lounge — 8 p.m. to midnight

• *Sunday Brunch* — children under 5 eat free

**Mondays**

• *Country Music and Karaoke Sing-Along* — Lounge — 7 p.m. to midnight

• *Monday Family Night* — members receive 20 percent off evening meals when dining with their family

**Tuesdays**

• *Deja Vu Super 70's and 80's Variety and Classic Rock* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to midnight

• *Boss and Buddy Night* — after 4 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

• *Ladies' Night* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to midnight

**Thursdays**

• *Jazz Music* — Lounge — 5-8 p.m.

• *Rhythm and Blues* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**Fridays**

• *Request Variety Top 40's* — Lounge — 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.

• *Super Social Hour* — Lounge — 5-6 p.m.

• *Rhythm and Blues* — Ballroom — 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m.

**Saturdays**

• *Variety music* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

• *Rhythm and Blues* — Ballroom — 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m.

**Sept. 4:** *Country band "Roadhouse"* — 9 p.m. to midnight — Lounge

**Sept. 5:** *All Night Dance party* — Lounge — Jazz 4-8 p.m., variety music 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. — breakfast available at 3 a.m. in Dining Room

**Sept. 5:** *All Night Dance Party* — Ballroom — Rhythm and Blues/Hip Hop mix 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. — breakfast available at 3 a.m. in Dining Room

**Sept. 8:** *Back-to-School Children's Membership Night* — Ballroom — 5-7 p.m. — open to members of Banyan Tree Club also — free to children under 16, \$4.95 for 17 and older — limited seating

**Sept. 15:** *Just 4 Laughs comedy showcase* — Dean Austin and Shayma Tash — Lounge — 8 p.m. — Rocker NCO Club members and their authorized guests only — free

### Banyan Tree Club

**Sundays**

• *80's and 90's variety music* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close

• *Sizzlin' Sunday Stampede* — 2-6 p.m.

• *All Night Toga Party* — 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. — games and prizes all night

**Tuesdays**

• *Absolute Alternative Music* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close

**Wednesdays**

• *Ladies' Night* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close

• *South Park Party* — Lounge — 10 p.m. — weekly contests with South Park giveaways

**Thursdays**

• *Country Music* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close

**Fridays**

• *Listen to Retro Rock* — 70's and 80's music — Lounge — 5-8 p.m.

• *Freaky Friday Social Hour* — Lounge — 5-7 p.m.

• *Underground Vibe* — blend of house, techno and trance music — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close

• *Rhythm and Blues and Hip Hop music* — Ballroom — 9 p.m. to close

**Saturdays**

• *Rhythm and Blues blend* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close

• *Request 90's variety music* — Ballroom — 9 p.m. to close

**Sept. 16:** *Just 4 Laughs comedy showcase* — Dean Austin and Shayma Tash — 8 p.m. — Rocker NCO Club and Banyan Tree Club members and their authorized guests only — free

### Gatherings

**Saturday:** *Labor Day Beach Blast* — Torii Beach — noon to 6 p.m. — live music, food, kayak races, volleyball tournament, and other family activities — raffle for a 1990 Nissan Skyline GTS high speed cruiser — alternate location in case of bad weather is the Torii Station Coral Cove Club — 644-4730/5306 for more information

**Sept. 5:** *"Letters From the Front" play* — Schilling Community Activities Center — 6 p.m. — free

**Sept. 6:** *USO Reggae-on-the-Beach Labor Day Barbecue Party* — noon to 6 p.m. — Camp Schwab's Oura Wan beach — free food on first come, first serve basis, DJ music, games, prize giveaways and more — sports, games and other types of contests — free shuttle service to beach from all USO centers beginning at 10 a.m. — 633-4510 for more information

**Sept. 10:** *Country band "Renegade"* — Schilling Community Activities Center Ballroom — 8-10:45 p.m. — free and open to all ranks

**Sept. 17:** *Stitching Friendship luncheon* — International Christian Women's Club — 10:45 a.m. at the Plaza Officers Club — \$10 per person — featuring a patchwork fashion show with Barbie and friends — register for luncheon and nursery service at Koza Baptist Church by Sept. 12 — bring lunch for your child

### Dining

**Thursdays:** *Kid's night at Gater's* — save 50 percent on all orders from children's menu — for children 12 and under

### Sales

**Sept. 4-5:** *Labor Day sale* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 10-20 percent off selected items and 15 percent off framing

**Sept. 6:** *Christmas in September* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — new shipment of Christmas supplies just arrived — open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Sept. 11-19:** *Super Summer Sale* — Kadena Marina — 10-25 percent savings on selected items — 634-6036 for more information

### Classes

**Fridays:** *Belly Dance* — Schilling Community Activities Center — 6-7 p.m.

**Mondays:** *Health First class* — Kadena Health and Wellness Center — 5 p.m. — receive a card for free over-the-counter medication for use at any military pharmacy islandwide and a free Health Wise Handbook on self-care — to register call the HAWC the Friday prior to the class

**Sept. 7:** *Occupational Happiness in Okinawa* — Kadena Family Support Center - 2-4 p.m. — register by Sept. 6 — program concentrates on job opportunities both on- and off-base and home businesses

**Sept. 7:** *On-line Investing Made Easy seminar* — Kadena FSC — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — register by Sept. 3

**Sept. 7-30:** *Japanese conversation* — Schilling Community Activities Center — Tuesdays and Thursdays — 7-8:30 p.m.

**Sept. 10:** *Building a wardrobe on a budget workshop* — Kadena FSC — 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. — register by Sept. 8

**Sept. 11, 18, 25:** *Money Management Course* — Schilling Community Activities Center — introduces military community members and their families to key concepts of wise money management

**Sept. 13, 20, 27 and Oct. 4:** *Ballroom Dance* — Schilling Community Activities Center — 6-8 p.m. — both couples and singles welcome

**Sept. 13, 20, 27 and Oct. 4:** *Guitar Group* — Schilling Community Activities Center — 6-7 p.m.

## MOVIES

### Keystone 634-1869

**Tonight:** *"The Sixth Sense,"* PG-13

**Saturday:** *"Tarzan,"* G, and *"The Sixth Sense,"* PG-13

**Sunday:** *"Tarzan,"* G, and *"The Sixth Sense,"* PG-13

**Monday:** *"Tarzan,"* G, and *"Mickey Blue Eyes,"* PG-13

**Tuesday:** *"Star Wars: Episode I,"* PG

**Wednesday:** *"Star Wars: Episode I,"* PG

**Thursday:** *"The 13th Warrior,"* R

**Sept. 10:** *"The 13th Warrior,"* R

### Butler 645-3465

**Tonight:** *"The 13th Warrior,"* R

**Saturday:** *"The Mummy,"* PG-13, and *"The 13th Warrior,"* R

**Sunday:** *"The Mummy,"* PG-13, and *"Summer of Sam,"* R

**Monday:** *"Summer of Sam,"* R

**Tuesday:** *"The General's Daughter,"* R

**Wednesday:** *"The General's Daughter,"* R

**Thursday:** *"Mickey Blue Eyes,"* PG-13

**Sept. 10:** *"Mickey Blue Eyes,"* PG-13

Movie schedules are supplied by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. Patrons should call the theater to verify movie titles, ratings, and running and start times.

## VIDEO

New video release available each Tuesday at the base video stores. Because of shipping, release dates may vary.



**Sept. 7**

*"Sometimes They Come Back Again"*

**Sept. 21**

*"Doug's First Movie"*

*"My Favorite Martian"*

*"The Out of Towners"*

**Sept. 28**

*"Desert Heat"*

*"Invisible Mom 2"*

*"Rocky Marciano"*

*"The Lesser Evil"*

*"The Mummy"*

*"The Naked Man"*

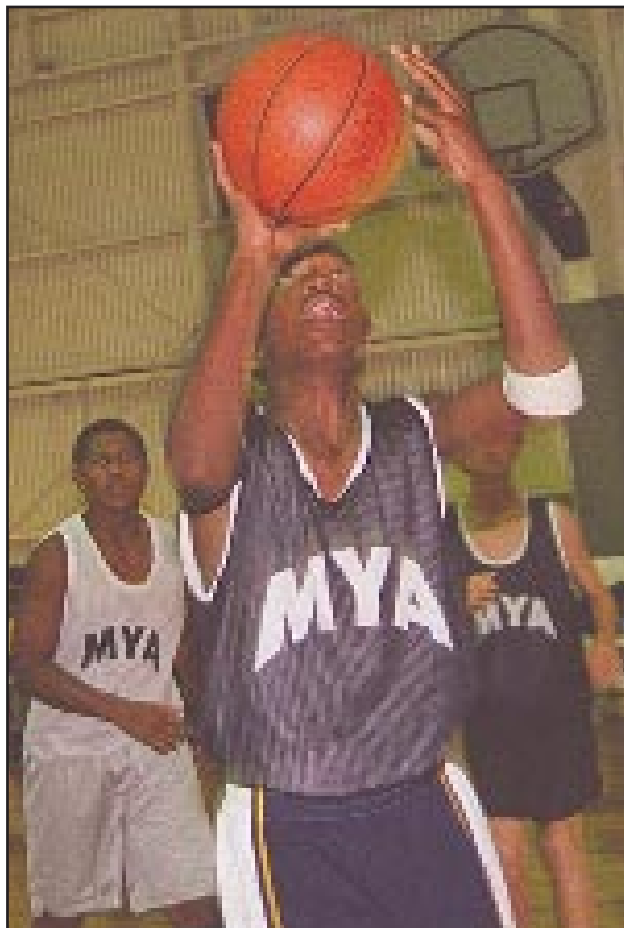
*"Three Seasons"*

# Youth finish summer with tournament



Photos by Senior Airman Terrence Moody

A Ruff Ryder drives to the basket during Saturday's championship against the Tar Heels.



Brian Mills, Tarheels, shoots for two during the championship match at Kadena.

The Islandwide Back To School Basketball Tournament had players enjoying the waning days left of summer before school started for most of them Monday.

A dozen teams competed Friday and Saturday at the O'Conner Gym and Falcon Fitness Center. Seven teams were in the junior division, 11-13 year olds, and five in the senior division, 14-17 year olds.

The tournament began Friday with the Timber Wolves and Heat squaring off in the junior division and the Ruff Ryders and Big Dawgs playing in the senior division.

On Saturday at 8 a.m., the Habus and Mongoose, both girl teams, competed in the Falcon Fitness Center. Other teams faced off throughout the rest of Saturday until the tournament was boiled down to the top two teams in each division.

In the junior division, the Tar Heels prevailed over the Wizzards. In the senior division, the Ruff Ryders beat the Tar Heels.

"Overall there was outstanding participation for this event to close out the summer and bring the students back to school," said tournament coordinator Jerry Howell. "Hopefully, we can make this an annual event."

## BRIEFS

### Air Force Golf Classic

The Banyan Tree Golf Course is having the Air Force Golf Classic Sept. 11. The tournament is a three-level, four-person, team net scramble event that will be conducted at 71 bases worldwide. Winning teams will advance to a regional tournament and the number of teams advancing will depend on the number of entries at base level. At the regional tournaments, the top teams will qualify for the finals in November at the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.

"We're excited to bring our customers this one-of-a-kind, three-phase, worldwide tournament," said Col. Ivan D. Sobin, 18th Services Squadron commander. Kadena winners will advance to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, Oct. 4 and 5. Their transportation and lodging to the regionals will be paid by us."

First-place winners at the finals will receive two American Airlines round-trip airline tickets per team player anywhere in the United States, plus \$300 Banyan Tree pro shop gift certificates per team player. Second-place winners will receive \$200 Banyan Tree pro shop gift certificates, while third-place winners will receive \$100 Banyan Tree pro shop gift certificates.

The registration deadline is Aug. 28 at the Banyan Tree Golf Course. For more information, call 634-1528.

### Mr. 300 to bowl here

Bob Learn Jr., known as Mr. 300 and one of the Professional Bowling Association Tour's best part-time players, will appear at the Kadena All Star Lanes from 5-10 p.m., Sept. 23. Learn will perform tricks during a free, adult bowling tournament scheduled from 7-10 p.m. Prizes will be awarded and participants can have their pictures taken with Learn.

Learn will also make a showing at the Skoshi Bowl during the After School Program from 3-5 p.m. that same day. Youth ages 9 to 18 can participate in the "Beat Bob Learn Competition." Free autographed pictures and trading cards will be available while supplies last. For more information, call Kadena All Star Lanes at 634-3806 or the Skoshi Bowl at 634-5532.

### Youth bowling starts

The Okinawa Youth Bowling League begins Sept. 18 at the Kadena All Star Lanes. Advanced registration is being held for youth ages 3 through 18 from 9-10:30 a.m. Individuals and teams are encouraged to join this league that runs until April 22. For more information, call 634-2290.

### Tour De Okinawa Nov. 12-14

The 1999 Tour De Okinawa bicycle road race and bicycle road tour is being held Nov. 12, 13 and 14 in Nago. There are 13 categories, with entry fees ranging from ¥5,000 to ¥15,000. Application forms and a list of fees and categories are available at the Falcon Fitness Center. Applicants must pay in yen. Participants are asked to keep entry fees until a day before the race and copy all the application forms. Registration cards will be available Oct. 7 and are due at Nago City Hall one day before the race or tour starts. For more information, call 634-1128.

### Golf tournament Sept. 17

A Young Tigers Association golf tournament begins with a shotgun start at 7 a.m., Sept. 17, at the Banyan Tree Golf Course. The cost is \$20. Participants must sign up before Sept. 10. First prize is \$300, second place, \$200 and last place, \$100. For tickets or information, call 634-8087.

## Standings

Following are Kadena Over-30 Softball League standings as of Wednesday.

### Division 1

Team	Win	Loss
44th FS	5	2
18th MDG	4	2
18th CEG	4	2
67th FS	4	3
353rd SOG	3	3
18th MXS/AGE	3	3
633rd AMSS	2	4
18th MUNS	2	4
909th ARS	1	5

### Division 2

18th SFS	7	0
SCP/653rd CLSS	4	1
18th Trans	4	1
AAFES	4	2
18th MSS	3	2
33rd RQS	2	3
Chief's Group	2	3
10th ASG	0	8
18th LSS	0	8